



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 23, 2006

Approved /s/

Date 05/24/06

SUBJECT: STATUS OF PARKS RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES (PRNS) DEPARTMENT IN MEETING SERVICE STANDARD GOALS IN CITY'S CURRENT GENERAL PLAN.

BACKGROUND

On May 8, 2006, as part of the City Council Budget Study Session, the question was raised as to how well PRNS was doing in meeting the General Plan performance goals contained in the city's current General Plan.

For parks and recreation, the General Plan currently identifies long-range service goals of 3.5 acres of neighborhood and community serving recreational lands per 1,000 population, of which a minimum is 1.5 acres of neighborhood, community or locally serving regional/City-wide park lands and up to two acres of school playgrounds, and all of which is located within a reasonable walking distance of the project; 7.5 acres of regional/Citywide park lands per 1,000 population; and 500 square feet of community center floor area per 1,000 population.

ANALYSIS

The following information is based on the assumption of the city's population as 945,000 as listed in the Community Profile section of the 2006-2007 Proposed Operating Budget.

For the goal of 3.5 acres of neighborhood lands per 1,000 of population our current level is 3.03 acres per 1,000. This is comprised of 1.17 acres of city parks land and 1.86 acres of school lands. This is 86.6% of our General Plan goal.

For the goal of 7.5 acres of regional/Citywide park lands per 1,000 of population our current level is 7.3 acres per 1,000. This is comprised of both City and County parkland available in the valley floor. This is 97.3% of our General Plan goal.

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For the goal of 500 square feet of community center floor area per 1,000 population our current level is 465 square feet of community center floor area per 1,000 population. This is 93% of our General Plan goal.

The acreage and square footage numbers are changing and the population number is also changing over time, so the relationship of the current level to the goal can move up or down depending on how much either factor changes.

/s/

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